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- The allowed claim(s) is/are 39, 41-45, and 47-66.
- 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Harrity on 24 March 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

replace the claims with the following claim set:

1.-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

identifying a document that is stored on a server in a network and that includes links to linked documents:

determining scores for a plurality of the links in the identified document;

modifying the identified document based on the determined scores, where the

modifying includes wherein modifying the identified document includes:

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reordering at least two of the links based on the determined scores[[,]] or sorting at least two of the links based on the determined scores.

comparing the determined scores to a threshold, and

deleting one of the links from the identified document when the determined score for the one of the links falls below the threshold; and providing the modified document to a user.

- 40. (Cancelled)
- 41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

for each of the linked documents, determining scores for one or more linking documents that contain links to the linked document,

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the scores of the one or more linking documents, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and wherein determining the scores includes:

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determining a clickthrough rate for each of the linked documents.

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined clickthrough rates, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

determining a measure of popularity associated with each of the linked documents.

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined measure of popularity, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

receiving input from the user.

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the received input, and

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associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, wherein determining the score for each of the linked documents includes:

for each of the linked documents, comparing one or more words of the received input with a content of the linked document, and

determining a score for the linked document based on a degree of match between the one or more words and the content of the linked document.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

receiving a search query;

providing a list of search results in response to the search query;

receiving selection of one of the search results in the list of search results;

identifying links in a document corresponding to the selected search result;

determining a score for one of the links based on a degree of match between the

search query and a content of a linked document pointed to by the one of the links;

modifying the document based on the determined score for the one of the links:

and

providing the modified document.

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48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein determining the score for the one of the links includes determining scores for each of a plurality of the links in the document based on a degree of match between the search query and a content of a linked document pointed to by the link; and

wherein modifying the document includes:

reordering the links based on the determined scores.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 48, wherein reordering the links includes:

sorting the links based on the determined scores.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, wherein modifying the document includes:

changing at least one visual characteristic of the one of the links within the document based on the determined score.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 47, further comprising:

comparing the determined score to a threshold; and

deleting the one of the links when the determined score for the one of the links falls below a threshold.

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52. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method, comprising:

identifying a document that is stored on a server in a network and that includes links to linked documents:

determining scores for a plurality of the links in the identified document:

comparing the determined scores to a threshold;

deleting one of the plurality of links from the identified document when the score for the one of the links falls below the threshold; and

providing, to a user, the identified document without the deleted link.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

for each of the linked documents, determining scores for one or more linking documents that contain links to the linked document,

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the scores of the one or more linking documents, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

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determining a clickthrough rate for each of the linked documents,

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined clickthrough rates, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

determining a measure of popularity associated with each of the linked documents.

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined measure of popularity, and

associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

56. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein determining the scores includes:

receiving input from the user,

determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the received input, and

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associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56, wherein determining the score for each of the linked documents includes:

for each of the linked documents, comparing one or more words of the received input with a content of the linked document, and

determining a score for the linked document based on a degree of match between the one or more words and the content of the linked document.

58. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 52, further comprising:

determining additional information regarding a linked document pointed to by the one of the plurality of links when the score for the one of the links does not fall below the threshold: and

providing the identified document with the additional information to the user.

59. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:

means for identifying a document based on an address associated with the document, the document including links that point to linked documents;

means for determining scores for a plurality of the links in the identified document;

means for comparing the determined scores to a threshold;

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means for determining that a score for one of the plurality of links is greater than the threshold:

means for determining additional information regarding the linked document pointed to by the one of the plurality of links; and

means for providing the identified document with the additional information to a user.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, further comprising:

means for determining that a score for another one of the plurality of links is not greater than the threshold;

means for deleting the other one of the plurality of links from the identified document; and

means for providing, to a user, the identified document without the deleted link.

61. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein the means for determining the scores includes:

means for determining, for each of the linked documents, scores for one or more linking documents that contain links to the linked document,

means for determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the scores of the one or more linking documents, and

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means for associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein the means for determining the scores includes:

means for determining a clickthrough rate for each of the linked documents,

means for determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined clickthrough rates, and

means for associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein the means for determining the scores includes:

means for determining a measure of popularity associated with each of the linked documents,

means for determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the determined measure of popularity, and

means for associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

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64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the links in the identified document point to a plurality of linked documents; and

wherein the means for determining the scores includes:

means for receiving input from the user,

means for determining a score for each of the linked documents based on the received input, and

means for associating the determined scores for the linked documents with the corresponding links in the identified document.

65. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 64, wherein the means for determining the score for each of the linked documents includes:

means for comparing, for each of the linked documents, one or more words of the received input with a content of the linked document, and

means for determining a score for the linked document based on a degree of match between the one or more words and the content of the linked document.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 59, wherein the additional information includes an excerpt from the linked document, a size of the linked document, or a date of last modification of the linked document.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 39, 41-45, and 47-66 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 39, 47, 52 and 59:

For at least the reason(s) set forth in the BPAI Decision dated 01/31/2011, the prior art fails to disclose or suggest the combination of limitations recited in each of the claims

Claims 41-45, 48-51, 53-58 and 60-66:

These claims are dependent upon Claims 39, 47, 52 or 59 and are thus allowable.

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